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Subject: Charming racism

Posted by [Vernon](#) on Thu, 23 Mar 2017 23:58:16 GMT

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Have you ever heard of this term? If so what does it mean to you? I recently became aware of it and I am stumped. Did humans just invent another form of racism or was it always there?

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Subject: Re: Charming racism

Posted by [Lark](#) on Mon, 03 Apr 2017 22:05:55 GMT

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Nobody will touch this one with a ten foot pole... LOL. I have never heard of that term, but I would guess that it describes a situation where someone is being a racist without being outright about it.

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Subject: Re: Charming racism

Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Fri, 23 Feb 2018 14:07:03 GMT

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Subject: Re: Charming racism

Posted by [johnson93](#) on Thu, 01 Mar 2018 03:18:42 GMT

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I've never heard this term before. I have no idea what it actually means, but this sounds like a good guess, even though I wouldn't call that charming. But really, what kind of racism would qualify as "charming" anyway? Is this a phrase people actually use?

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Subject: Re: Charming racism

Posted by [Reinhardt](#) on Thu, 01 Mar 2018 06:43:21 GMT

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It's from one of Trevor Noah's comedy routines. He was talking about the racism in Kentucky, either in Louisville or Lexington, I can't quite remember which. Basically, I think he was saying that it's racism served with a smile and Southern charm (if you want to call it that).

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Subject: Re: Charming racism

Posted by [Silver](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2018 18:24:41 GMT

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Reinhardt wrote on Thu, 01 March 2018 00:43 I think he was saying that it's racism served with a smile and Southern charm (if you want to call it that).

Charming to the giver, but not the receiver. That sounds patronizing as all get-out. Not to mention just flat-out rude. If I were black and someone did that to me, I'd probably punch them in the face.

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Subject: Re: Charming racism

Posted by [Quest01](#) on Thu, 29 Mar 2018 18:19:06 GMT

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Silver wrote on Fri, 09 March 2018 12:24

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I don't even know if the giver considers themselves charming. Saying intolerant/judgmental things with a smile is, in my opinion, intentionally being patronizing. I don't know if I'd punch them in the face, but I don't think I'd be able to hold my tongue.

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Subject: Re: Charming racism

Posted by [rarerat](#) on Sun, 06 May 2018 09:33:48 GMT

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I agree with everyone who says this is a patronizing term. Anybody who says anything derogatory about anybody else and tries to pass it off as somehow "innocent" for whatever reason (like sexist "locker room" banter) - is probably more racist, sexist, fascist than most people.

Age is not an excuse - old timers are not stupid. In fact, it's quite patronizing to imply that older people can be charming racists because it's what goes in their generation.

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